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DEVICE FOR USE IN SURGERY
AND METHOD OF USE

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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[] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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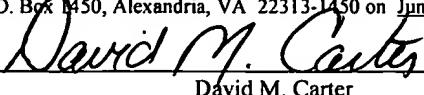
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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed on May 23, 2003, please consider the following remarks regarding the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The above-referenced application has been reviewed in light of the Office Communication mailed May 23, 2003, the Office Action mailed August 12, 2002, and Applicants' Amendment mailed on December 11, 2002. In the Office Communication it was asserted that Applicant's Amendment mailed on December 11, 2002 was not fully responsive to the Office Action as the patentable subject matter of new claims 43-45 was not identified or compared to the prior art of record.

To summarize the Office Action mailed August 12, 2002, claims 1, 4-6, 8-10, 12-16, 20, 21, 23-26, 30, 31, 37 and 39 were rejected under 35 § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kieturakis

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